

TO COMMUTE SENTENCE OF INDIAN MURDERER

Solomon Hotema, Choctaw, Will Not Be Hanged.

BELIEVES HE SLAYED WITCH

Attorney General Became Interested and Recommends Life Imprisonment Instead of Death.

Attorney General Knox has recommended to the President that the sentence imposed upon Solomon Hotema be commuted to life imprisonment. Hotema is a Choctaw Indian, condemned to be hanged on December 5 for the murder of Vina Coleman, an Indian woman of the same tribe, who lived in Indian Territory. Hotema's case is a peculiar one, and aroused the interest of the Attorney General when it was submitted to him upon appeal for executive clemency. Hereafter, the sort in which the Furman fathers believed, led Hotema to commit the crime of which he now stands convicted.

All the evidence in the case, as presented to Mr. Knox, tends to show that Hotema is a man of high education, both in his own language and in English. He has been a lawyer, a judge, and a Presbyterian minister. He is possessed of wealth, was charitable, and highly esteemed by his people.

Insane When Intoxicated.

Occasionally he became intoxicated, and when under the influence of liquor the extermination of witches seemed to become his ruling passion. Two years ago several of his children died in quick succession, and while in a half intoxicated condition Hotema became possessed of the belief that some of his personal friends were witches and were responsible for the death of his children.

Armed with a shotgun, he started out intent upon ridding the community of their evil spirits. He visited the home of Vina Coleman, an Indian woman, whom he accused of practicing witchcraft, and shot her dead. At the same time he wounded a small child, and a fifteen-year-old boy who was running to spread the alarm.

Hotema afterward killed a man and another woman, both of whom, he said, were witches, although each of the three had before been his personal friend, and it was shown at the trial that he had no grievance against them. For the murder of the man and one of the women, Hotema was acquitted on the ground of insanity. He was twice tried for the murder of the Coleman woman. At the first trial the jury disagreed, and at the second he was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. An appeal was taken, but the verdict was sustained, although the court suggested that the case be taken to the President for executive clemency.

Honest in His Belief.

Attorney General Knox made a careful investigation of the case and submitted all of the evidence to Dr. A. B. Richardson, the superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane, who expressed the belief that the murderer honestly believed in witchcraft, and that although too dangerous to be at large, should not be hanged. Attorney General Knox recommends commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment on the ground that, although insanity had not been proved, it was quite evident that under the load of distress and the influence of liquor there had been a revival of savage instincts, for which the Indian should not be held to account with the extreme penalty. He urges, however, that Hotema be held in prison, and that no further application for clemency be considered.

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SECOND HEARING IN PRIMO FONTANA CASE

Italian Painter Seeks to Recover for Lost Time.

The second trial of the suit of Primo Fontana, of Italy, against Mrs. Mary Helen Carroll Robbins, to recover \$3,888.10 damages, for an alleged breach of contract, was begun yesterday before Chief Justice Bingham, presiding in Circuit Court No. 1. The amount named is claimed by the plaintiff because of work done in connection with the erection of the chapel of St. Anthony of Padua in St. Matthew's Church, in this city.

Mr. Fontana came here from Italy to finish a statue of St. Anthony, according to certain design, in a certain specified time. He states in his declaration that it was impossible for him to complete the work in contract time because of the unfinished condition of the walls and roof of St. Matthew's Church.

It was agreed between Mr. Fontana and Mrs. Robbins that any differences arising should be submitted to arbitration. This, however, it is said Mr. Fontana declined to do. The incomplete condition of the church building he contended resulted in a great loss of time to him, and he asked the amount named as remuneration.

When the case came on for trial in 1896 before the Supreme Court of the District, the presiding justice instructed the jury to return a verdict in favor of Mrs. Robbins, on the ground that Mr. Fontana had his relief in arbitration to which he had agreed. The court further held that as Mrs. Robbins had given the chapel to the church, she was no longer responsible.

The defendant took an appeal to the Court of Appeals for the District from this decision. The higher court reversed the action of the court below and remanded the case for a new trial.

The plaintiff is represented by Benjamin S. Minor and Charles J. Collins and Mrs. Robbins by Hamilton & Colbert.

BOSTON PORT CLOSED TO GOLDBERG CHILDREN

Trachoma Patients Are to Be Deported.

The Immigration Bureau has made public the story of the Goldberg children and the President's interest in them.

Some time ago there landed in Boston on an incoming steamer the wife of Belle Goldberg, and her four little children. Her husband had come to this country and his wife came over to join him, bringing the children. The Boston immigration authorities prohibited the landing of the children on the ground that they were afflicted with trachoma, an infectious eye disease.

Senator Hoar personally interested himself in the case and appealed to the President in behalf of the Goldbergs. President Roosevelt communicated with the Commissioner General of Immigration and ordered that the children be given in charge of the surgeons of the New York immigration service for the purpose of examination and cure.

Authorities Reluctant.

The latter authorities reported that it would take at least a year to effect a complete cure of the disease. They further advised that in view of the prevalence in the public schools in New York of the disease, the Goldbergs children should not be admitted.

After these facts were communicated to the President and after he had consulted with Commissioner General of Immigration Sargent, the latter ordered the Boston immigration authorities to prevent the landing of the children.

Prevalence of Disease.

Eighty thousand cases of trachoma, which is a highly infectious eye disease, exist among the school children of New York city, according to a report by Dr. Ederle to Commissioner of Immigration Sargent. The introduction of the disease, which frequently produces blindness, has been traced to immigrants.

IMPORTANT DEAL ON REGARDING ELK HARBOR

Pennsylvania Road to Connect With Port.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 30.—It was understood here today that A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, many of the board of directors of the railroad and A. W. Mellon and H. C. Frick, of Pittsburgh, were holding a conference today at Erie or Elk Harbor, Pa., or on President Cassatt's private car between here and Erie. The conference may cause an important deal to be put through.

Recently a deal was made in this city whereby A. W. Mellon and R. B. Mellon became possessors of one of the most valuable sites on Lake Erie for a harbor, a railroad charter, and a land company, with options lying around the mouth of Elk Creek. The interest of H. C. Frick in the plan has been heretofore kept secret.

Only Available Harbor Site.

This land lies only a short distance from the lines of the Erie and Pittsburgh division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and is the only available harbor site left in Pennsylvania.

The conference between the Pittsburgh men and the Pennsylvania officials today is understood to be to make an agreement whereby the Pennsylvania Railroad can build a branch from the Erie and Pittsburgh division to tap this new harbor.

A railroad known as the Lake Erie Terminal Railroad has been organized by the Mellons and others interested in the project. The line will control all the approaches to the new harbor, as it is with it that the Pennsylvania wants to connect.

The charter for the new road gives Albion, Pa., as its inland terminus, but the company has the privilege of extending the lines as the future developments in the territory may necessitate.

The Privileges Important.

The importance of the purchase of the land at Elk Creek is great, as it means a harbor for the outlet of the products of the Union Steel Company with mills at Donora, and perhaps of the Jones & Laughlin Co., and for the shipment of ore from the lakes to the Pittsburgh district. The Elk Creek will bear the same relation to the Union Steel Company as does the Conneaut Harbor, Ohio, to the Carnegie Company.

Until this morning it was not known definitely that Mr. Frick is interested in the harbor project. His going to Erie today in company with the Mellons was the first open mark of his connection with their scheme.

ABSORBING PROBLEM

Of the Present Day.

The absorbing problem of today is, how to expend one's income so as to attain the best results; that is, get full value for one's money.

It may truthfully be said that this has been, is, and always will be an absorbing problem to those with limited means; but the fact remains that, with the price of living necessities constantly rising, one must husband one's resources more carefully than ever before if he would live within his income. In saying that prices are rising, we except one article which has come to occupy a prominent place in the family medicine chest, and that is the specific for piles or hemorrhoids known as Pyramid Pile Cure; this remedy is still sold by druggists at the old prices of 50 cents and \$1, and these prices will remain unchanged. Those to whom this preparation has brought relief and a cure after years of suffering do not need to be told of its merits; others are advised that it is the greatest boon ever discovered, to all those afflicted with any form of piles; it is in suppository form, is easily applied, reaches the seat of the complaint, and gives immediate relief and a lasting cure.

The reader may have tried salves, ointments, and lotions without benefit, and feeling that his money has been wasted, resolves to suffer on rather than experiment further. The reason for the failure of these treatments is, that they do not reach the seat of the trouble, and hence do not remove the cause, as does Pyramid Pile Cure. A little book describing the cause, cure, and use, is published by the Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich., and anyone may procure a copy by sending name and address to above firm. As showing the estimation in which this remedy is held by the public it may interest the reader to know that its sales now exceed those of all other pile remedies combined.

Oct. 28, 31.

YOUTHS AND MAIDENS WILL TEMPT FORTUNE

Witches and Other Eery Beings Abroad Tonight on Occasion of "All Halloween."

In the witching hour of All Halloween these evening youths and maidens may test fate and fortune.

The mysterious rites and ceremonies are the old, familiar ones, which never lose their charm. The oldest trick of all, perhaps, is bobbing for apples, which always creates plenty of merriment. In a basin or tub of water a number of rosy cheeked apples are placed, some having the stems left on, to assist in their capture.

It may seem easy enough to secure a prize, but it is really a difficult matter to catch a round, slippery apple with the teeth. If one does not succeed, after three attempts, spanglerhood or bachelordom is assured without a shadow of doubt. The game creates all manner of fun and laughter, as one after the other of the party emerges dripping, if not triumphant, from the contest.

Apple and Candle.

The apple and candle game is another favorite sport. From the ceiling a strong cord is suspended and it is tied to the center of a stick about two feet long. To one end of this stick an apple is fastened; to the other end a lighted candle. The string is set in motion, and contestants try to catch the apple with their teeth; to catch the lighted candle instead isn't as funny as it might be; indeed, as it is not altogether pleasant or even safe to play with fire, instead of the candle a bag of some thin material, filled with flour, may be substituted. When the person trying to snatch the fruit is struck in the face with the bag and covered with flour instead of glory, it only adds to the fun, which grows fast and furious.

Here, too, three attempts to catch the fruit, with failure each time, is a fatal blow to all hopes of a speedy marriage.

In the Mirror.

Of course, no maiden will neglect the duty of looking into her mirror in a hall gilded room. Fix her gaze long and patiently, if need be; "he cometh not," she says, but wait a little; "he," the hero of her dreams, will presently appear, perhaps in ghastly form, peeping over her shoulder. But suppose he really and truly cometh not; what then? Is her doom sealed for good and all?

O, no, not at all; there is still another trick, or two left, from which, if in the doing she receive no broken limbs, all may go well.

Holding a lighted candle, the damsel slowly makes her way downstairs backward, nor looks behind, if her candle is extinguished, it is by the breath of her cavalier, and the date of the marriage is there and then decided upon—so rash is youth!

The Candle Trick.

A lighted candle plays a part in another trick, which is apt to be more amusing than sentimental. The candle is placed upon a table in full view of everyone; the maid or man who would test fate is blindfolded, turned around three times, and set free to seek the candle and blow out the light if possible. The candle is seldom found, and even if the table is reached, it is difficult to blow in such a direction as to extinguish the flame. The clever person who is successful is certain—absolutely certain—to become engaged before the end of the year.

Nuts are always in requisition. Three nuts are placed on the grate before the open fire and named by the person testing fate and fortune.

True as Fate.

If the nut jumps off, that lover is unfaithful; if the nut blazes and burns, so does his love; if the nut named after the girl and her lover burns until consumed the wedding gown may as well be ordered at once.

To ascertain the occupation of one's future husband, hold a door key in one hand; with the other pour melted lead from an iron spoon through the handle of the key into a pan of cold water. If the fanciful shape formed looks like a brush, the favored one is an artist; if a gun, a soldier; if a ship, a sailor; if a book, a professional man; if the lead forms only drops, there will either be no future husband or he will have no occupation. The doubt lingering about this solution may add to the interest.

Refreshments for an All Halloween party must include a ring cake. A plain gold ring is put in the cake when it is made, and the one who has the luck to get it is a happy mortal indeed, with marriage and a plain gold ring in his or her immediate future.

CHOLERA ABOUT STAMPED OUT IN PHILIPPINES

Bureau of Insular Affairs Makes Public an Encouraging Report From Governor Taft.

The Bureau of the Insular Affairs of the War Department yesterday made public the following statement relative to the cholera situation in the Philippines:

"In a cablegram yesterday Governor Taft states that the cholera has practically disappeared from the island of Luzon, and that in Manila there has been an average of only two cases a day during the last ten days. In all, twenty provinces are now practically free from the cholera. Only five provinces are seriously affected, the provinces of Iloilo, Occidental Negros, Capiz, Samar and Misamis.

"The percentage of mortality, which in the beginning reached 90 per cent, has been greatly reduced, and is now generally below 50 per cent.

"The commissioner of public health for the archipelago states that Cebu has already been declared a clean port, and that Manila will be so declared on the first of November."

DR. BERTHA CALDWELL LECTURES ON INDIA

Returned Medical Missionary Says Presbyterian Doctrine Is Gaining Ground in Orient.

A mass meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Seventh Street southwest, under the auspices of the Women's Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Society.

The speaker of the afternoon was Dr. Bertha Caldwell, who has just returned to America after having spent eight years in India. Dr. Caldwell, who is a medical missionary, took a conspicuous part in the religious exercises at Allahabad, and displays a fund of interesting information about the natives. The number of conversions has increased greatly in the past year over that of the previous one, and the Presbyterian faith, according to Dr. Caldwell, is gaining materially.

Dr. Caldwell related many interesting facts concerning hospital work in India.

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Another Remnant lot of Dress Goods, comprising 38-inch All-wool Sackings, 42-inch All-wool Plaids, Fancy Striped Waistings, 36-inch fine twill Cashmere, heavy-weight Skirtings in black and navy, and 36-inch Venetian Cloth. Qualities sold up to 59c yard. Friday for **27c**

Eight hundred yards of Remnants of high-class Dress Goods, including 52-inch All-wool Homespun, 38-inch All-wool Cashmere, All-wool French Flannel, 52-inch All-wool Camel's Hair Plaids, 46-inch All-wool Storm Serge, and 38-inch All-wool Homespun. Qualities sold up to 59c yard. Friday for **39c**

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A remnant lot of ladies' soft Vici Kid Boots, lace and leather styles, heel and spring heel. Sizes 2½ to 7. Odds and ends of our regular \$1.50 lines for **98c**

A remnant lot of ladies' Patent Leather and Bengala Kid Shoes, heel and spring heel styles; also boys' Saddle and Kid shoes of kidskin and calfskin. Broken sizes. Remnants of our regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 lines. Friday for **69c**

Remnant lot of Ladies' Kidskin Boots, in button styles; with patent leather and kid tips; also Patent Leather with kid and cloth tops; a few pairs in Lace style, with cloth and kid tops. Regular \$2.00 and \$2.50 values, for **\$1.45**

Infants' Soft Sole Shoes, some are Fur Trimmed Satin Shoes, in assorted colors; others Kid Moccasins in various colors; also regular Soft Sole Lace and Button Shoes. Regular 50c values at **37c**

Ladies' 7-button Black Cloth Tailor-made Overcoats; in all sizes from 2 to 8. Sold regularly at 25c a pair, today for **12½c**

Tableful of odds and ends of Shoes and Slippers, comprising Ladies' and Misses' Warm Cloth Juliettes; also Children's Kidskin Shoes; in button and lace, and Men's and Boys' Embroidered and Leather House Slippers. Values up to 45c, for **45c**

Children's Black Jersey Cloth Leggings, warm fleece lined. All sizes from 3 to 10 years. Regular 50c values, for **39c**

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GOLDENBERG'S SEVENTH AND K STREETS.

REMnant OPPORTUNITIES!

Every Friday we bring forward all the odd lots and Remnants for a prompt disposal—marking everything of this nature at a price that insures immediate clearance.

Today's news of the Remnants is interesting to everyone who wishes to provide for the needs of home and personal wear at immaterial prices.

Domestics.

Remnant lot of 800 yards of Unbleached Canton Flannel; in 42-inch lengths from 2 to 10 yards. Heavy fleece. Friday, yard **37c**

Remnants of Light Outing Cloth, in Pink, Blue and Gray stripes; for skirts and undergarments. Useful lengths. Friday **47c**

Five bales of full yard wide Unbleached Cotton; in mill ends from 2 to 8 yards. Heavy quality. Friday, per yard **37c**

Remnants of Parisian Waist Flannels; in regular waist lengths, from 2½ to 5 yards each. Choice selection of Polka Dots, Persian effects, Stripes and Figures. Sold regularly at 12½c yard, off the piece. Remnant price **84c**

Remnant of 5-quarter Fancy Table Oilcloth; in good desirable lengths. This quality is guaranteed to be the best. Remnant price **12½c**

Art Department.

Odd lot of "Primrose" Crochet Silk, in white and leading colors; sells regularly at 10c a 5c spool. Friday for **5c**

Regular 25c Stamped Denim Table Covers, in various designs. Odds and ends. Friday's close-out price **19c**

Battenburg Rugs, 2½c a dozen. Battenburg Thread, 2½c a spool. Battenburg Braid, 3½ yards for 25c. **25c**

Linings.

A Remnant lot of two thousand yards of Percales and Shleices, in black and assorted colors; good desirable lengths. Qualities sold off the piece at 10c to 15c a yard. Friday for **64c**

Five hundred yards of Mercerized Satens, in colors only (no black). Qualities sold up to 18c a yard, to be closed out Friday for **74c**

Gloves.

An odd lot of Ladies' Black Fleece-lined Cashmere Gloves, in almost all sizes. Qualities sold regularly at 30c and 50c. These are sold off at 25c a pair, today to be closed out Friday for **22c**

\$1 Wrappers, 49c.

There are thirteen dozen in all; enough for all those who respond promptly. They consist of excellent quality fast color print Wrappers, in red and white, blue and white, and black and white. Full cut, liberally made garments, with fitted waist lines, ruffs on skirts, cape over shoulders, trimmed in fancy braid. All sizes in the lot. These regular one dollar Wrappers today for **49c**

Millinery.

A big lot of Feathers, comprising black-and-white Wings, colored Wings, Darts, Arrows, Breasts, large Pompons, etc., in plain and shade effects. The most sought-for styles for trimming the new hats. Values up to 75c, with choice offered today for **15c**

Lots of Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Hats, both trimmed and untrimmed. Black and leading colors. Of velvet and draped felt. Both large and small shapes. Values up to \$3.00, for **98c**

Small lot of Soft White Felt Hats, which are a trifle mussed from handling. Sold regularly at \$1.25. To be closed out Friday, at **49c**

Children's Ready-to-Wear Hats, in Red, Blue and Gator, with band and streamers of plaid ribbon. Regular 98c values for **49c**

Housefurnishings.

Lot of twelve Wash Boards, slightly shopped. Sold regularly at 25c. Offered Friday for **15c**

Lot of three Oil or Gas Ovens, slightly shopped. Sold regularly at 85c. Reduced to **49c**

Lot of three Fancy Colored Glass Water Sets, consisting of six glasses and pitcher. Sold regularly at 98c, for **49c**

Lot of nine odd China Vases, bowls, plates and saucers, rolled edge. Sold regularly at 50c, today for **29c**

Lot of six Decorated Parlor Lamps, with decorated shades. To be closed out today, each, at **75c**

Immense Values in Coats, Suits, and Skirts.

A lot of seven Ladies' Dress Suits, of cheviot and Venetian cloth, in black and colors; one of a kind; desirable styles. Regular \$10 and \$12 values. To be closed out today to first comers **\$5.00**

A lot of fourteen Highest Grade Raglans, used as salesmen's samples, will be offered today at a sensational low price, considering their stylishness and real worth. Consist of Imported French Broadcloth Kersey, handsomely tailored; also a few of Handsome Black Mountaineer. These are positively worth \$20 and \$25. Will go to the first 14 buyers today at **\$10.00**

Lot of Real Brook Mink Fur Neck Scarfs, and also Stone Marten Opossum Scarfs, both with just clusters of animal tails. Regular \$5 values for **\$1.98**

Lot of Handsome Silk Dress Skirts, of peau de sole, peau de cygne and superior taffeta; some with drop skirts and accordion-pleated drop skirts; beautifully trimmed in the most approved styles, with applique and lace insertion; others with tailor bands. One of a kind. Regular \$15 and \$18 values for **\$7.98**

A lot of Ladies' Dress and Walking Skirts; the former are of cheviot, venetians and broadcloths, trimmed with silk and satin bands; others with cording and tucking and tailor straps. The walking skirts are of tibetans, vicunas and kerses, and are variously trimmed, some with trap trimmings, others corded and tailor-stitched; some with thirteen kilted gores; black, blue and leading colors. These are regular \$5, \$6 and \$7 values, offered today for **\$3.65**

Ladies' All-wool Kersey Jackets, 24-inch lengths, sleeves trimmed with cording front and back. Lined throughout. Regular \$7.98 values, to be sacrificed today for **\$4.98**

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